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JOTA 2012

Story Inside...



Picture by David Joyce— KK4FHF

Message From The President

If you know GARS, then you know we are a very vigorous, active organization. We do so many fantastic projects, events, and have such lively meetings, that sometimes it is hard to keep up with it all. I am not complaining, because having options and fun is a great thing! I am thankful we have so many dedicated members making so many meaningful activities take place. Sometimes I really feel that with GARS, anything is possible.



Kyle Albritton—W4KDA

Speaking of fantastic events, I want to thank each and every member of GARS who came out to enjoy and support the hamfest. As always, GARS was very well represented. We helped the Alford club with several important jobs, had a great looking, well attended booth. We also had the primary role at the terrific youth lounge, and we even ran an outside table. Many GARS members found time to also support other clubs, ARES, the Forums, and the critically-important VE Testing Sessions. Wow! Great job!

We also had an excellent kit-building session last month. About a dozen people came out to the EAA building and built a neat little flashing Christmas tree kit. Some came out to learn how to solder, and others came out to build or teach. Either way, all had a good time. Special thanks goes out to Ray N4GYN for taking the lead on the build and helping to make this fun event happen for GARS. Hopefully, those folks will bring their electronic Christmas trees to the GARS Holiday Party next month. I hope GARS can provide more kit building sessions in the future.

Several members also represented GARS in conjunction with Gwinnett ARES and Venture Crew 73 to support the Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). Even though we are a diverse organization, I like to prioritize JOTA, education, and youth outreach as some of our primary goals. In addition to being a community service, what we do in amateur radio provides a spark of excitement for kids when it comes to science and math. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to inspire (and feed) this group of kids, making this event another great success. There is more on the JOTA elsewhere in this issue.

This month's meeting is called Operation Safe Holidays and Basic Crime Prevention. It will be brought to us by Lt. Christina Schiralli, of the Gwinnett County Police. While not a Ham Radio specific topic, safety and situational awareness is an important topic for all of us. I have no doubt we will all leave with some new ideas about personal and family safety.

As always, may you have great health, wealth, and all your contacts be 59.

Kyle W4KDA



GARS November Meeting

"Operation Safe Holidays and Basic Crime Prevention"

By Lt. Christina Schiralli, Gwinnett County Police

Don't miss it!

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

EAA 690 Hangar at Briscoe Field
Sports Aviation Complex - Hangar 1
690 Airport Road
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

FIELD DAY 2012 RESULTS

#	Call	Score	Category	QSOs	Power Mult	GOTA Call	Section	Participants	Club
1	K4FC	17,042	7A	5,446	2	KT4Q	NFL	40	Lake ARA
2	K4BFT	14,762	4A	4,297	2	N7KDT	AL	60	Huntsville ARC
3	W4NT	12,980	3E	4,175	2		GA	6	
4	N4OX	11,872	2A	3,889	2	K4ARD	NFL	6	Redneck Riviera Radio Sportmodels
5	W4CVY	9,648	5A	2,208	2	W4CHS	GA	66	Columbus ARC & Russell Co. RC
6	W4GR	9,624	8A	2,703	2	KD8DVY	GA	153	Gwinnett ARS
7	K4JJ	9,250	4A	2,647	2	NF4GA	GA	227	North Fulton ARL
8	W4MLB	8,050	2A	2,133	2	K4QD	SFL	86	Platinum Coast ARS
9	N4WZ	7,746	3A	2,459	2		SFL	28	Lighthouse AR Alliance
10	N4BP	7,710	1E	1,865	2		SFL	1	
11	W4GJ	7,694	4E	1,825	2		NFL	10	
12	N4PN	7,606	1E	3,005	2		GA	1	
13	N4EH	7,438	6A	2,256	2	KJ4ZPH	NFL	95	Lake Monroe ARS
14	N4TP	6,796	2A	1,938	2	N4SEX	WCF	35	Tampa ARC
15	N4N	6,212	2A	1,496	2	KE4UW	GA	27	
16	W4ATD	6,196	2A	2,058	2	KB4CAY	AL	29	Decatur ARC
17	KP4ES	6,074	2A	1,485	2	NP3IR	PR	17	PRARL
18	W4TA	6,040	5A	1,458	2	W4GAC	WCF	69	Saint Petersburg ARC
19	WJ4N	6,002	2A	1,685	2		SFL	12	
20	W4AP	5,878	2A	1,370	2	AK4FP	AL	56	Montgomery ARC
21	W4DCH	5,780	2A	604	5		AL	15	North DeKalb ORR Club

"We did GOOD. We can do BETTER. BUT,
can we do BETTER and have as much FUN?"

Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society Yearly Party

Come join us for a great time with Dinner and Live Entertainment!

Friday December 7 at 6:30 pm at the EAA Building

This is the regular club meeting location

You may pay for the Holiday Party - \$12.00 per person - via <http://www.gars.org>

— Pictures from our 2011 Party —



Stone Mt. Hamfest 2012



One of the BEST!



JOTA 2012 or “100 Hot Dogs Later”

Several GARS and Gwinnett ARES members helped Jeff, AF4JL, and Steve, WB2OGY, put on a great JOTA.

About 50 scouts earned their Radio Merit Badge and we had two HF + DStar radios setup for the scouts to use making contacts. Jeff brought a big cooker and Paul, W4KLY, stoked the fire and cooked the dogs. Come about noon, the stampede for the food started. We went through gallons of drink, bunch of hotdogs and chips, cookies and candy.

Earl, AF4FG, operated using a 33ft vertical with tuner which was setup near the eating area. ARES installed a dipole near their Mobile Communications Facility and operated from the parking lot. D-STAR once again proved to be the most functional for demonstrating long range communications to the scouts. We pounded out several HF contacts which helped other JOTA sites as well as our own.



The VFW turned out to be a great facility for either training, or a small outing. Hospitality was just great. The badge training took place in two large rooms which looked like class rooms. I think they are used for bingo.

Several GARS/ARES members as well as Crew 73 alumni were on hand to help. I arrived a little after the start, as I went to the grocery on my way. By the time I got there the classes were well under way. We didn't see a lot of non-badge earners, but it didn't keep us from

having a good time. It's always fun to help introduce young folks to Amateur Radio.

Special thanks to Steve and Jeff for organizing the training and David Joyce, KK4FHF, for filling in as instructor. And thanks to all the GARS/ARES/Crew73 folks for sharing in the work of setting up tables, cooking, operating and cleanup.



Norm, WA4ZXV



Mobile DX'ing

I don't chase DX stations, but I will try to work them if I come across them. This may sound odd, but I work more DX from my truck than I do from home. I have a Kenwood TS-480SAT in my truck and I usually use a single band "Hamstick" type antenna. I say usually because sometimes I will use an Outbacker Perth multiband antenna instead. I seem to get better performance from the single band antennas than the Outbacker, but I sometimes like the convenience of just having to change the position of the wander lead. I recently bought a kneeboard from the Pilot Shop at Briscoe Field in Lawrenceville to take notes. It straps to your thigh.

I have worked the majority of the stations while just running around Gwinnett County doing errands and such. It can be a challenge at times due to noise from power lines and LED traffic signals. And of course, competing with folks running a kilowatt into some type of directional antenna only adds to the challenge. But, I have noticed that many DX stations seem to favor answering mobile stations. In June 2011 I worked IW6DRH in Italy and he was also mobile and he was very happy to make his first ever mobile-to-mobile DX contact. (Mine too!)

So, you want to know what other stations I have worked?

Here's a partial list for 2012:

40 Meters

J79XB Dominica
YY8JET Venezuela
C6ABB Bahamas

20 Meters

PJ2/K8ND Curacao
C6AEA Bahamas
NP2I St. Croix
4O3A Montenegro

12 Meters

HK0NA Malpelo Is.
LA4UOA Norway
EA8DO Canary Is.
OH2BAD Finland
EA9KB Ceuta

So, I offer this to show you that you can work DX under less than ideal conditions. My daughter and her family are moving the Washington, DC area and I'm looking forward to driving up for visits and having fun on the radio as well.

Bill Cherepy WB4WTN



Local Expedition the Edisto Island, South Carolina

Monday Sept. 24, 2012 – Checked into Cabin 5 at Edisto Island State park in South Carolina. Walked on the beach for a couple of hours. Took pictures of the sunset. Bought some shrimp and returned to our Cabin for a minor feast.

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012 – Rose early and went for nice walk on the beach. Took some pictures of the sunrise. Then we went on a scheduled tour of Oyster Island where I explored a WWII target range that was where the Tuskegee Airman trained. I found the projectile of a 50 caliber round that I brought back as a souvenir. Doris found a couple of nice sand dollar shells. That afternoon set up the K1 at the picnic table in back of the Cabin overlooking the salt marsh. Wasn't able to raise anyone so we went for a five mile hike on the trails through the Marsh and visited with the wild life.

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012 – In the early morning met with our guide and went on a 4 hour tour of the salt marsh by kayak. Had a lot of fun and got some pictures and very tired arms, but think I'm getting the hang of

it. Might not get so sore next time. Got to get up close with the dolphins. Even had one surface next to my boat and blow in my face. Doris says that's good luck. Stopped at the local market on the way back and got

some boiled peanuts and a great key-lime pie. This afternoon got on the K1 and made nice long QSO with Claude, W4FKM in Bristol, Tn. Only got a 359 but managed to hang for a nice long chat. He was running a homebrew setup at 400 mw and I was using my K1 at

about 4 watts. Had another contact with WD8BPD, Bruce but could not quite exchange signal reports so didn't log him. That's the way it goes with QRP sometimes.

Thursday, Sept 27, 2012 – Doris and I went on a long hike on the salt marsh trails again. Put on some lavender oil that Doris had and it kept the mosquitoes off pretty well. Got some more pictures. Think we did about seven miles and I got the blisters to prove it. Had leftovers for lunch then a nice long nap. Got up before Doris and got on the K1. Al, N4FNG of Clearwater Flor-

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Local Expedition the Edisto Island, South Carolina

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ida on his Yaesu 920 let me know that he is on full time retirement and has been a ham for 55 years. Nice chat then he had to leave to do some chores. Talked with Larry, W9CC, out of Indianapolis, his 5 watts and my 4 watts.

Friday, Sept. 28, 2012 – Today we took our canvas chairs to the beach where we set up and read for a while. I finished “A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court”. Then went for our beach walk down to the mouth of the Edisto River where we looked for sharks teeth. Lots of shells but no shark teeth. Stopped at the bookstore on the way back. Didn’t get a book but when came out of the store noticed that the left front tire was flat so spent some time changing the tire then taking care to shop to get the original tire repaired. Not the sort of thing you want to do on vacation. Finally returned to Cabin 5 where Doris napped again and I relaxed with the K1 again. Walt, N8PZR gave me a 579 with QSB and QRN up in Mantua, Ohio. He told me he is about to start working on a VXO from VSQRP and is using the Hallicrafters 37RX and Heathkit AT1 rigs. He was sending with the J38 he first got back in 1953, wow. He told me I have a signal to be proud of. Nice to hear. Asked me if I had ever heard WC7S on his net from up there in Ohio but I had not. Terry, WA0ITP of



Pioneer Ridge, Iowa was running an ATV4 to a vertical with 84 radial wires. He was putting out a nice signal so I guess all those radials worked for him.

Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012 – We got out real early with our coffee in our travel mugs to walk on the beach and see the sunrise. Got a few pictures of shrimp boats dragging his nets in the foreground with the sun coming up behind. Returned to our cabin and had our breakfast after which Doris asked me if I would like to go fishing. Big mistake to say I was not thrilled with the idea. So we had our little fight. We always have at least

one fight on vacation but we got over it pretty quickly and went fishing (of course). Doris tossed a lure around for a half hour or so then said she was done fishing. I thought she wanted to fish really but I get so confused sometimes... Re-

turned the K1: replied to W5GXV but he couldn’t hear me. Dana, AD5VC, out of Baton Rouge, La told me that my camping expedition sounded fun. He was using a KX3 with a ground mounded vertical on his patio. He likes to get out in the back yard and operate when the weather is nice like now. He told me he is a professor at LSU and asked about my line of work. He won his KX3 up at the Dayton hamfest FDIM QRP event. Some guys are lucky. He told me to enjoy my shrimp and I said I would. Doug, NR5T, of Columbus, Tx and

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Local Expedition the Edisto Island, South Carolina

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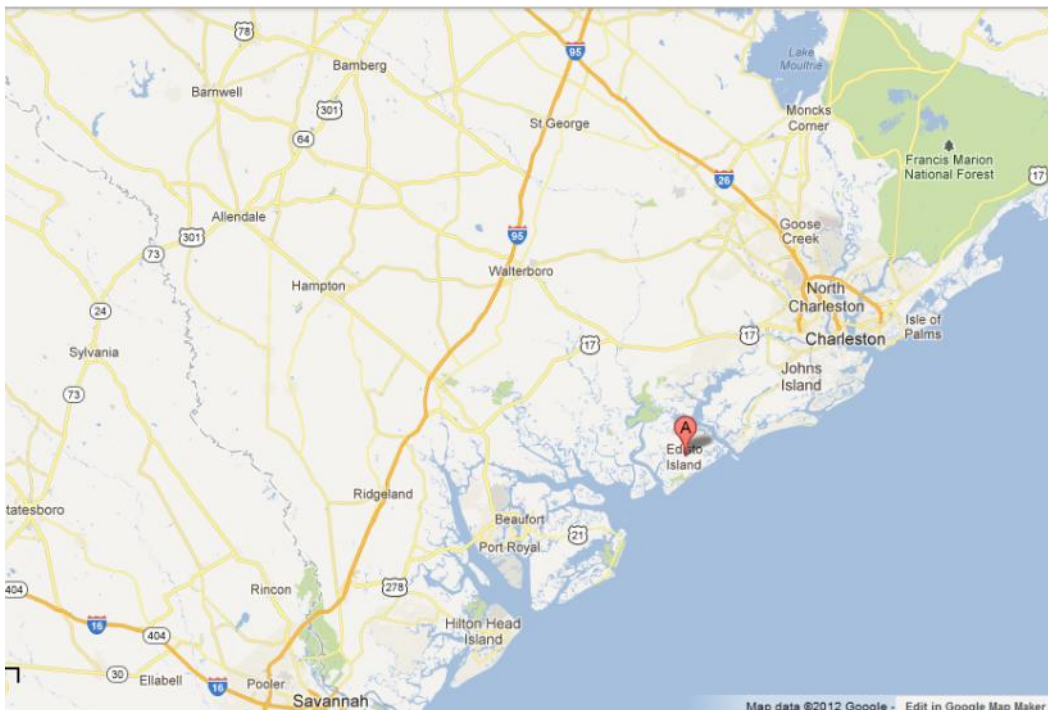
NX5M, Robert of Summerville, Tx gave me short exchanges. They were working the Texas QRP party. I didn't know that was going on and they were putting "TQP" in front of their call signs. At first I thought I was getting a rare DX station but soon learned it was only Texas. I got on 15 meters though and did make a DX contact. He was Oresti of Volpara, Italy and my K1 only puts out 2.5 watts on 15 meters so I was very excited. My last contact was another short one. Ken, AB5A of Santa Fe, TX was another Texas QSO Party guy.

Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012 – After breakfast and a hike I got on the K1 again. Heard quite a few stations but it started to sprinkle so I packed up the rig. Neither the K1 nor I are waterproof so I didn't make any contacts on Sunday.

Monday morning we checked out and made our trip back to Lawrenceville. I didn't get a lot of QSO's on this trip but quite a few of them were fairly lengthy conversations which is very satisfying to me. And it is especially satisfying to make QRP contacts on a rig, tuner and antenna I put together myself. Can't wait for the next camping trip.



Sid Weaver, N4NQ



NET MANAGERS CORNER

Hello Everyone from N4LNE GARS Net Manager.



I want to thank everyone for taking the time to check in to the nets and I especially wish to thank the NCS and ANCS stations for their time and effort.

Please think about adding your name to the list as NCS or ANCS.

Monday Night Net Stats.

DATE	CHECK INS	NCS	ANCS
10/29/2012	25	Bill KK4AUA	-
10/22/2012	26	John WB4QDX	David KA4KKF
10/15/2012	23	Hal W4IGE	Norm WA4ZXV
10/08/2012	29	Ray N4GYN	Bill KK4AUA
10/01/2012	34	Sandy KJ4DRO	Charles K4CHB



Thursday Night Net Stats

DATE	CHECK INS	NCS	ANCS
11/01/2012	9	Kyle W4KDA	Dick KC3EF
10/25/2012	-	Dennis WB4TID	-
10/18/2012	9	Dennis WB4TID	David KJ4CMY
10/11/2012	8	Kyle W4KDA	-
10/04/2012	-	Dennis WB4TID	-

73'

See you on the Nets!

Phil N4LNE
Net Manager



GARS Membership

To become a GARS member, or to renew your GARS membership,
please visit our website - <http://www.gars.org>

To make changes to your GARS membership (moved, new email address, new phone number, etc.),
please email the Membership Chairman - membership@gars.org

You can renew or update your Amateur Radio license information with the FCC at their website for free
- <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

To update your ARRL information, please visit their website - <http://www.arrl.org>

**JOIN ARRL
- OR -
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
THROUGH GARS**



Help the GARS Treasury by applying for ARRL membership or renewing your ARRL membership through GARS. By applying for ARRL membership through GARS we are able to keep \$15.00 of each new membership fee for our Treasury. We can keep \$2.00 from each renewal.

Show your support for both organizations by applying through GARS.

Ralph Pickwick – KJ4CNC, GARS Treasurer, will have the ARRL applications at the monthly meetings for your use. We only ask that you don't wait until the last minute to renew, as we will only be sending the applications to ARRL on a monthly basis. We will only be accepting personal checks with the applications (no PayPal).

If you have any questions concerning this process, please contact Ralph at KJ4CNC@arrl.net.

US Postal Service to Phase Out IRCs

If the US Postal Service (USPS) gets its way, it will no longer sell International Reply Coupons (IRCs) after January 27, 2013. According to the October 23 edition of the Federal Register, there is not sufficient demand for the USPS to continue offering IRCs to customers; however, per the Universal Postal Union (UPU) regulations, the USPS must continue to exchange (redeem) IRCs that have been purchased in foreign countries and presented at USPS facilities. The current Nairobi model is valid through December 31, 2013. Comments on this proposed change will be accepted through November 23, 2012. For more, go to: <http://www.arrl.org/news/us-postal-service-to-phase-out-ircs>

UPCOMING HAMFEST CALENDAR

Southeast US



01/05/2013 | Freeze Fest

Location: Locust Fork, AL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Blount County Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w4blt.org>

01/12/2013 | TechFest

Location: Lawrenceville, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.gars.org>

03/30/2013 | Tailgate/Hamfest

Location: Thomasville, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Thomasville Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://thomasvilleamateurradioclub.com/hamfest/>

05/11/2013 | Heart of Georgia Hamfest

Location: Byron, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Central Georgia ARC, Middle Georgia RA, & Byron Middle School RC

Website: <http://www.heartofgeorgiahamfest.com>

**06/01/2013 | Georgia State Convention
(Atlanta Hamfest)**

Location: Marietta, GA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Atlanta Radio Club (W4DOC)

Website: <http://www.atlantahamfest.com>



BSA Venture Crew 73 Wants You

IF YOU are between 14 and 21 years old, enjoy outdoor activities, and have an interest in radio technology,
Venture Crew 73 is for you.

- Venture Crews are part of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Venture crew 73 is chartered by the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society.
- Venture crew 73 is coed.
- Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm, at EAA 690 Hangar at:
 Briscoe Field - Sports Aviation Complex
 Hangar 1, 690 Airport Road
 Lawrenceville, GA 30045
- Crew 73 is a youth-run organization, which means that our Crew President and other youth plan the Crew's outings and activities each month.

We enjoy:

- ◊ Camping
- ◊ Hiking
- ◊ Horseback Riding
- ◊ Shooting Sports

- Crew activities usually mix high adventure and the use of Amateur Radio.
- For more information, attend our next meeting or contact:

Steve Back, WB2OGY

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Jeff Lee, AF4JL

Venture Crew 73 Advisor

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Secretary



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Sandy Jackson, KJ4DRO
Program Manager



Dave Bruse, W4DTR
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David Adcock, KA4KKF
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Net Manager



Mike Swiderski, K4HBI
Technical Advisor



Rich Waigand, K4KME
Education Chairman



GARS Communications

2 Meter Repeater
147.075(+) MHz
82.5 PL Tone

APRS
144.390 -- 1200 Baud
W4GR

D-Star
WD4STR
145.060 + (1.4 MHz)
440.550 + (5 MHz)

Main Repeater Site
Oak Street,
Lawrenceville

2 Meter Repeater
147.255(+) MHz
107.2 PL Tone

6 Meter Repeater
53.110 (-1 MHz)
82.5 PL Tone

70 Cm Repeaters
444.525(+) MHz
82.5 PL Tone
442.100(+) MHz
82.5 PL Tone

Backup Repeater Site
Lanier Mountain,

**The following members are
celebrating birthdays
in November:**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
From All of Us at GARS**

John Bachtel (NR4JB)
 Laura Block (KG4WQT)
 Pamela Brown (KJ4RYV)
 Lasburne Colquhoun (KK4IQG)
 Charles (Chuck) Conway (KK4DUZ)
 Jenny Eberhardt (KE4QNE)
 Eddie Geike (AK4WM)
 Scott Hartlage (KF4PWI)
 John Kludt (K4SQC)
 Karen Kregel (KC6JCX)
 Louis Manglass Jr (NY4F)
 Robert Powers (KK4LDG)
 Karen Prescott (KJ4VQI)
 Chiyoko Rasser (KJ4WEL)
 Richard Rohrer (KC3EF)
 Donald Ruane (KK4JJP)
 Nancy Sanctuary (KD4MZI)
 Jack Shipley (W4UVQ)
 Louis Shulman (KJ4DRW)
 Bill Stewman (W5RQR)
 Robert Stranyak (KK4KIL)
 Gerard Verly (KC4ZHZ)
 Nova Whatley (KF4HLG)

GARS Recurring Calendar

- ♦ Monthly club meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm
- ♦ Every Monday at 8pm: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net on the GARS 2-meter repeater
- ♦ Every Thursday at 9pm: GARS Round Table Net, 2 & 6 Meters
- ♦ Every Saturday at 7:30am: GARS Weekly Family Breakfast, Golden Corral Restaurant, Riverside Drive, Lawrenceville

**Meeting Minutes
GARS General Meeting Oct. 9th, 2012**

Kyle Albritton, W4KDA, GARS President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at the EAA building.

Introductions of first time visitors and others present.

Membership – Dave Bruse, W4DTR, reported the following:
 Hansel Johnson III, K9TKL, new member
 GARS has 221 active members

Treasurer's Report – Ralph Pickwick, KJ4CNC

Program Manager – Sandy Jackson, KJ4DRO, announced:
 November's program will be "Operation Safe Holidays and Basic Crime Prevention".
 December will be the Holiday party.

Program was "The Massive Homebrew Show and Tell"
 —————Break—————

David Adcock, KA4KKF, reminded everyone that GARS needs volunteers at the Stone Mountain Hamfest on Nov 3rd and 4th to help with the youth lounge, GARS table inside/outside and back gate. If you want to sell equipment at the outside GARS table, then label it with name, callsign, price and cell#.

Norm Schklar, WA4ZXV, reminded everyone that HamJam will be held on Nov. 10th from 9:00-12:30 at Georgia Gwinnett College in the LVIS room.

Steve Back, WB2OGY, reminded everyone that JOTA will be held on Oct 20th from 9am-3pm. It will be located at the VFW at 368 Grayson Hwy. Steve needs volunteers to help run HF stations and help teach the radio merit badge.

GARS Ham-Of-The-Year nominations can be emailed to Kyle, W4KDA, at w4kda@arrl.net

The GARS Holiday party will be Dec 7th at the EAA building. Tickets can be purchased from the GARS website, Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children

There will be a GARS LED Christmas Tree kit build on Oct 27th at 10am at the EAA building. The cost is \$12 for GARS members and \$15 for all others. Signup with Norm or Kyle.

Prize Drawing

There were 73 attendees at the meeting.

Meeting ended at 8:55 pm

Hal Collier W4IGE, Secretary



FOR SALE — Classifieds

NEW

NEW

New feature!

FOR SALE:

- ♦ Tarheel Model 100 Screwdriver Antenna, Good Condx. Asking \$375
- ♦ Icom 7000 Remote Mounting Kit, NEW, in orig. box. Asking \$45
- ♦ Clegg 6'er AM Transceiver. Collectors Item! Asking \$75
Contact: Ray N4GYN 770-689-6620

If **you** have something for sale and would like to list it here, please send email to editor@gars.org. Include the following:

- ♦ Description:
- ♦ Asking price:
- ♦ Contact Info:

All entries must be received by me (editor@gars.org) by 3 days **BEFORE** the first Tuesday of each month for publication in the GARzette for that month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2012

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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Metro Testing Sessions	Ham Exam Results for October, 2012	Metro Club Meetings
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146.760 MHz PL107.2/145.45 Noon Brown Bag Net
146.790 MHz PL110.9 8:00 PM Sassafras Mtn.
3.795 MHz 6:00 PM WX & Skywarn

Sunday

7.275 MHz 9:00 AM Georgia Traders Net
3.975 MHz 5:00 PM Winter PM GA State ARES
146.520 5:00-6:00 PM Emergency Simplex
145.450 7:00 PM Alford Mem. RC Roundtable
147.060+ PL100.0 8:30 PM No. Fulton ARES
146.820- PL146.2 7:30 PM Atlanta Radio Club Net
147.105+ PL100.0 8:30 PM ATL C.A.R.E.S Net
146.700- PL123.0 4:30 PM Jasper Radio Club
50.145 Simplex 9:00 PM Six Meter Net

Monday

145.450- PL107.2 8:00 PM Decatur A.R.E.S. Net
145.470- PL100.0 8:30 PM North Fulton Tech. Net
50.235 USB 8:30 PM Regional Six Meter Net
145.430 - PL107.2 8:00 PM Cherokee ARES
146.880 - PL100.0 8:00 PM Cobb Co. A.R.E.S. NET
147.210+ PL162.2 9:00 PM Rockdale Co. ARES
147.075+ PL 82.5 8:00 PM Gwinnett **G.A.R.S.**
147.075+ PL 82.5 9:00 PM Gwinnett **A.R.E.S.**

Tuesday

146.625- PL123.7 8:00 PM S Fulton ARES
146.895+ PL 77.0 8:00 PM Dallas
147.240+ PL103.5 8:00 PM Bartow Co. ARES
147.150+ PL141.3 8:00 PM Forsyth Co. ARES

Wednesday

145.410 - PL100.0 8:00 PM Chapter 49, QCWA Net
145.150 - PL167.9 8:00 PM GA Tech Stinger Net .
146.670 - PL131.0 8 8:00 PM Hall Co. ARES Net

Thursday

146.955 - PL 77.0 7:00 PM Digital Silver CometARS
146.955 - PL 77.0 8:00 PM, Paulding ARES.
145.270 - PL100.0 8:00 PM, Cherokee Am. Radio Soc.
146.880 - PL100.0 8:30 PM, Kennehoochee ARC Net
147.225+ PL123.0 8:00 PM, NE GA ARC
147.150+ no PL 8:00 PM, Swap Net
147.015- PL100.0 9:00 PM, N GA Disaster Relief Team
147.390+ PL131.8 9:00 PM Thomaston Net

Friday

145.110 - PL 88.5 8:00 PM Douglas Co. ARES
147.015 - PL100.0 6:00 PM N GA Disaster Net
146.76 - PL107.2 Midnight Turnip Truck Net

Saturday

7.275 MHz 9:00 AM GA Traders Net
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147.015- PL100.0 10:00 PM Hoot Owl Net

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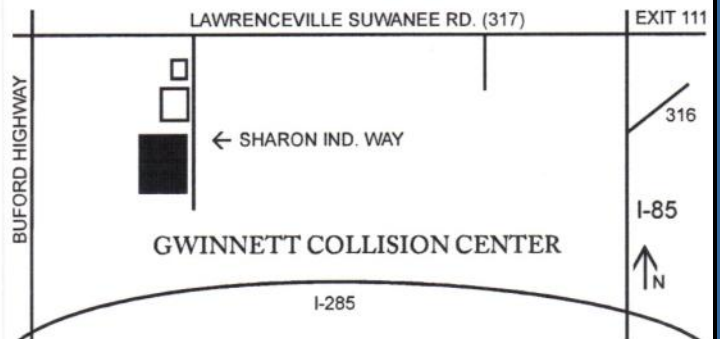
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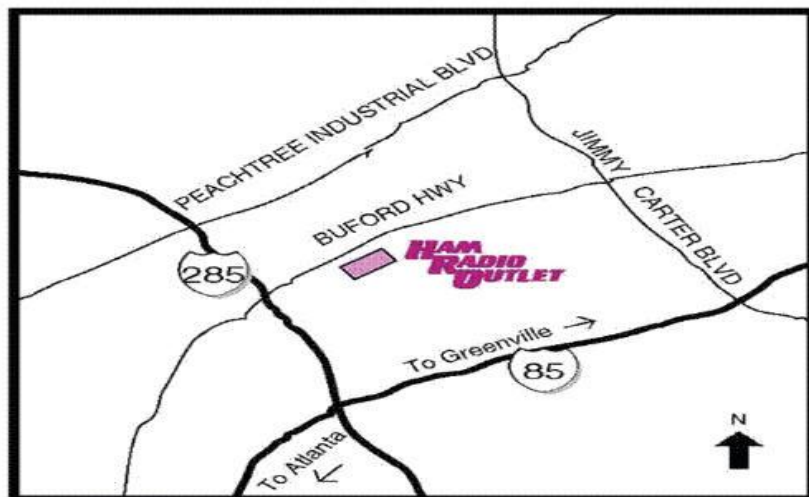
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